

More specifically, these Terminal Disclaimer overcome the double patenting rejections of Claims 1-18 over the following:

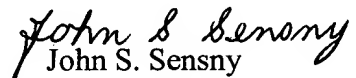
U.S. patent applications nos. 09/865,256, 09/964,190, 09/975,266, 09/963,258, 09/944,271, 09/893,125 and 09/976,542; and

U.S. Patents 6,738,187, 6,643,424, 6,751,014, 6,724,786, 6,674,936, 6,654,152, 6,597,840 and 6,816,517.

These Terminal Disclaimers put the application in condition for allowance without further amendment or argument. The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to enter these Terminal Disclaimers, to reconsider and to withdraw the double patenting rejections of Claims 1-18, and to allow these claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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